



NEWS RELEASE

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

TODD P. GRAVES

Contact Don Ledford, Public Affairs • (816) 426-4220 • 400 East Ninth Street, Room 5510 • Kansas City, MO 64106

www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow

AUGUST 10, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ST. JOSEPH MAN SENTENCED ON DRUG CHARGES AFTER INJURING TROOPER IN CHASE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced a St. Joseph, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for drug-related charges. His arrest last year followed a high-speed pursuit in which a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper – who was dragged and run over by their car – shot one of the defendants.

Kentrell S. Narcisse, 29, of St. Joseph, was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this morning to five years in federal prison without parole.

On Sept. 26, 2003, **Narcisse** and co-defendant **Michael J. Williams**, 28, of Kansas City, Mo., each pleaded guilty. **Narcisse** pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting interstate travel in aid of a racketeering enterprise. **Williams** pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting in the possession with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine.

Williams and **Narcisse** were arrested by the Missouri State Highway Patrol on April 10, 2003, following a vehicle stop on I-29 in Buchanan County, Mo., near St. Joseph. **Williams**, who was driving a 1995 Chevrolet Monte Carlo that was stopped for speeding, had been directed to sit in the patrol car. **Narcisse** was a passenger in the Monte Carlo. **Williams** bolted from the patrol car, Graves said, and ran back to his Monte Carlo. The trooper chased **Williams** to the Monte Carlo and reached into the vehicle, grabbing **Williams** with both hands. As **Williams** sped away, Graves said, the trooper was hanging from the open driver's side door as the car accelerated to about 60 mph.

The trooper attempted to pull himself into the vehicle and ordered **Williams** to stop several times, Graves said. The trooper fired five rounds at **Williams** right leg to attempt to stop the vehicle, which ran off the roadway and down an embankment. The vehicle slowed to about 30 miles per hour, with the driver's side door still open and the trooper still hanging onto

Williams. When the vehicle struck an embankment, the trooper lost his grip and fell from the moving vehicle. The right rear tire struck the trooper's right shoulder and elbow.

Williams shut the driver's side door and drove back onto the interstate, Graves said. Highway Patrol officers pursued **Williams** northbound on Interstate 29 as they threw small bags of crack cocaine and marijuana from the vehicle. **Williams** admitted that he had intended to distribute the crack cocaine, and **Narcisse** admitted that he had intended to help **Williams** distribute the crack cocaine and marijuana.

Near the intersection of Interstate 29 and Highway 36, **Williams** stopped the vehicle. **Narcisse** immediately exited the vehicle with his hands raised. **Williams** opened the driver's door but was unable to exit the vehicle without assistance.

Williams, who awaits sentencing, could be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole, up to life imprisonment, plus a fine up to \$4 million. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. It was investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow